

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 28, during the adjournment:

S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007. (S. Rept. No. 114–120)

S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions. (S. Rept. No. 114–121)

S. 1493, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. (S. Rept. No. 114–122)

Report to accompany H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures. (S. Rept. No. 114–123)

Reported on Tuesday, September 8:

S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6466**

Measures Passed:

Small Business Development Centers of the United States Anniversary: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 243, celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Small Business Development Centers of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6469**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2640, of a perfecting nature. **Page S6441**

McConnell Amendment No. 2641 (to Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 2642 (to Amendment No. 2641), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6441**

McConnell Amendment No. 2643 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2640), to change the enactment date. **Page S6441**

McConnell Amendment No. 2644 (to Amendment No. 2643), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6441**

McConnell motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2645, to change the enactment date. **Page S6441**

McConnell Amendment No. 2646 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2645), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6441–42**

McConnell Amendment No. 2647 (to Amendment No. 2646), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6442**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, with the time until 12:30 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., to allow for the weekly conference meetings; and that the time from 2:15 p.m. until 7

p.m., also be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that the time from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., be controlled by the Democrats, and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., be controlled by the Majority.

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Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Member to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senator Sasse. **Page S6469**

Congressional Award Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, appointed the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: David Schiappa, of Maryland. **Page S6469**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 263), Roseann A. Ketchmark, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. **Pages S6455–57, S6475**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Clare E. Connors, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Edward L. Gilmore, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—263) **Page S6457**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:25 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6469.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3442–3454; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65; H. Con. Res. 73–74; and H. Res. 409–410, were introduced. **Page H5847**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5848–50**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1344, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–241);

H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–242);

H.R. 3154, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–243);

H.R. 1462, to combat the rise of prenatal opioid abuse and neonatal abstinence syndrome (H. Rept. 114–244);

H.R. 1725, to amend and reauthorize the controlled substance monitoring program under section 399O of the Public Health Service Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–245);